



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1762

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Mitsunori SAKAMA )  
Serial No.: 09/070,908 )  
Filed: May 4, 1998 )  
For: FILM FORMING METHOD AND )  
FILM FORMING APPARATUS )

Group Art Unit: 1762

Examiner: M. L. Padgett

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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**AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 3, line 10, before "decompression" insert --vacuum or--.

Page 17, line 12, before "decompressed" insert --vacuum or--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 23-30 and 48-50 as follows:

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